

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 4820, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)**

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4820

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former or estranged violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2016

Mr. FLEISCHMANN (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. VELA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials of former or estranged violent extremists or their associates in order to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Terrorist
5 Recruitment Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIRECTIVE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
3 rity shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, into De-
4 partment of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist
5 recruitment and communications the public testimonials
6 of former violent extremists or their associates, including
7 friends and family. Such efforts may include the following:

8 (1) Counter-messaging of foreign terrorist orga-
9 nization communications and narratives.

10 (2) Related community engagement and public
11 education efforts.

12 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
13 curity shall, where appropriate, coordinate the efforts de-
14 scribed in subsection (a) with the heads of other Federal
15 departments and agencies, as appropriate, and, to the ex-
16 tent practicable, engage nongovernmental and inter-
17 national partners in the identification and use of
18 testimonials described in such subsection.

19 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
20 may be construed to require the Secretary of Homeland
21 Security to collect testimonials directly from former vio-
22 lent extremists or their associates, including friends and
23 family.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the
Secretary of Homeland Security to use the testimonials
of former violent extremists or their associates in order

to counter terrorist recruitment, and for other purposes.”.